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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

The petition filed by USTelecom to eliminate the obligation of telecom companies to lease infrastructure to other Internet providers is an attack on competition in the broadband market and a threat to information access for Americans. I am lucky to live in a community where Internet access is available through a small local company. This provides my family with access to the Internet which we would otherwise be unable to afford. The changes proposed by this petition would ultimately block this access.

Please support affordable access to information through the Internet by supporting fair competition in the broadband market.

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